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**UNDER 37 CFR §1.56**

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Sir:

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### **RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT**

Documents A1, A2 and A5-A8 listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding International application. Copies of these documents are not being provided since copies should have been provided directly by WIPO under an exchange program between the PTO, the EPO and the JPO. A copy of the International Search Report setting forth the portion of each reference considered relevant by the examiner is attached.

Documents A3, A5 and A8-A14 were cited by the examiner in Applicants' corresponding German application.

Document A9 discloses a heating or air-conditioning plant for a car.

Document A10 discloses a stop shutter for an air conduit.

Document A11 discloses a damper for an flow duct.

Document A12 discloses a flap used as a ventilator for a heating or air-conditioning system of a motor vehicle which comprises an operating device with a variable extension fixed with one end to a first flap part and with the other end to a second flap part.

Document A13 discloses a heating or air-conditioning for a motor vehicle.

Document A14 discloses a device for heating and/or air conditioning in the interior of a vehicle.

Document A4 claims priority based on document A6.

English translations of the foreign-language documents are not readily available. However, English language abstracts are provided herewith. Consequently, the foreign language documents have been submitted in compliance with the PTO requirements and, therefore, the document should be considered by the Examiner (37 CFR §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609).

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